



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the merged Reexamination and Reissue of:

URANO et al.

U.S. Patent: 5,216,135

Reexamination Control Number: 90/004,812

Filed: October 23, 1997

Reissue Serial Number: 09/810,650

Filed: March 15, 2001

For: DIAZODISULFONES

**HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
DECISION MERGING
REEXAMINATION AND REISSUE PROCEEDINGS**

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 30, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Decision Merging Reexamination and Reissue Proceedings, please amend
the reexamination application as follows.

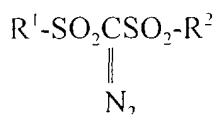
IN THE REEXAMINATION APPLICATION

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6 and amend claim 7 as follows:

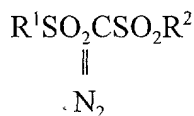
7. (Amended) A diazodisulfone compound of the formula:



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and of
wherein R¹ is a branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms; and R² is a cyclic alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

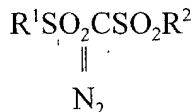
Please add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. A diazodisulfone compound of the formula;



wherein R¹ is a cyclic alkyl group in which the alkyl group is hexyl; and R² is a cyclic alkyl group in which the alkyl group is hexyl.

9. A diazodisulfone compound of the formula;



where R¹ is a branched alkyl group in which the alkyl group is butyl; and R² is a branched alkyl group in which the alkyl group is butyl.

REMARKS

Claim 7 and new claims 8 and 9 are pending in the merged application. This Housekeeping Amendment amends the reexamination application to cancel claims 1-6, amend claim 7, and add new claims 8 and 9. No amendment is made to the Reissue application.

This amendment is being made in accordance with the DECISION MERGING REEXAMINATION AND REISSUE PROCEEDINGS, dated November 7, 2001, in Reissue application Serial No. 09/810,650 and Reexamination proceeding control no. 90/004,812. In the Decision, Applicants were instructed to file an appropriate Housekeeping Amendment to maintain identical amendments in the two files.

The present housekeeping amendment to the Reexamination file is identical to the preliminary amendment made in the Reissue application when filed on March 15, 2001. This amendment therefore places identical pending claims in the Reissue and Reexamination files.

The present amendment is being made only in the Reexamination file, but in accordance with the instructions in the Decision (page 5), is being filed with two copies, one for each of the Reissue and Reexamination files.

A marked up version showing the changes made to claim 7 by the present amendment is attached hereto as "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

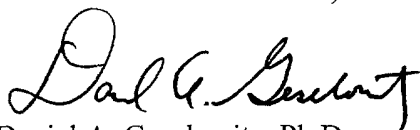
AMENDMENT
URANO et al.
Attorney Docket No. 910094RE

Reexamination Control Number
Reissue Serial Number: 09/810,656

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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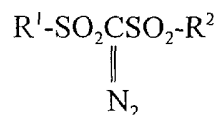
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES

7. (Amended) ~~The compound according to claim 4~~ A diazodisulfone compound of
the formula:



wherein R¹ is a branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms; and R² is a cyclic alkyl group
having 3 to 8 carbon atoms.